

D.C. Attorneys against Freedmen Resign from representing the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

Say Case Is About Civil Rights, Not Sovereignty

April 16, Attorney General for the Cherokee Nation, Diane Hammons and Secretary of State, Melanie Knight stood before the Council stating the Administration was requesting another \$500,000 for attorney fees to protect the sovereignty of the tribe in a federal suit filed by Cherokee freedmen in Washington D.C. However on the following day one of the best sovereignty firms in America retained by the tribe resigned stating the case was no longer about sovereignty but about Civil Rights.

The Washington DC firm of Synosky, Chambers & Miller bowed out of the high profile case that has been covered in news around the world after a special election was held where Cherokees voted to revoke citizenship rights of black Cherokees who had been citizens by a federal treaty for 140 years. The firm stated civil rights law was not one of their specialties and they would no longer represent CNO.

Chief Chad Smith filed a motion to intervene in the

Cherokee freedmen federal lawsuit in 2004. Two months after the tribe had intervened Smith requested the Council to approve the intervention. Council in a split decision approved his actions funding Smith's request of \$500,000 for attorney fees.

Cherokee citizen John Cornsilk filed suit in the JAT asking the court to rule that Smith had used the law retroactively by not receiving permission by Council prior to the intervention and that retroactive operation within the tribe is unconstitutional. However the JAT dismissed the case ruling that Cornsilk did not have standing to file the issue.

Although at the time of the meeting Councilors were unaware the firm was about to resign. Inside sources say the Administration knew and were making a last ditch effort to manipulate Council to fund the appropriation so they could keep the firm by paying a million dollar retainer.

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Has Cherokee Nation Been Organized Or Is Organized Crime Taking Over?

A person's belief system is the foundation of their being. Their actions are based on their attitudes and perception of what they believe to be true and their ability to distinguish right from wrong.

Politics is perception. Whenever any political official has the ability to control what the media presents as the truth, those politicians have incredible power to influence the actions of voters in elections. The main way the Cherokee people have been controlled for decades is by keeping them poor and keeping them ignorant of the facts.

A good example is the tribal newspaper, Cherokee Phoenix, in which the Cherokee Nation spends \$85,000 each month; \$1 million a year of Cherokee peoples' money, to convince Cherokee people what to believe. Eight years ago the tribe only spent around \$200,000 a year and it was only a quarterly paper.

Since then it has exploded into a full color monthly paper being used as a propaganda machine to the masses of non-resident voters whose perception and attitudes about CNO affairs are shaped predominately by what they read in the tribal paper.

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Voting Record – A Report Card For Incumbents

by Ed Crittenden

Parents generally examine their child's report card to see how well their child is learning and doing their work well at school.

Incumbents vying for re-election have something similar tells a lot about their loyalty to the people that elected them by looking at their voting record. Few voters however have the time or inclination to research their representatives' record to see how they voted on issues and if they are worthy of another term in office. Most people probably spend more effort selecting the best movies to watch than they do determining their leaders.

For this reason we at the Observer feel it worth our effort to make it easier for you the

voter to grade your representative prior to the election. We encourage you to examine how as small block of only six votes can stop the Legislative from functioning as your conscience within the government and turn it into a tool for a Chief.

Incumbents may have a closet full of skeletons that you the voter need to know about and the bones are easy to find just by looking at their voting record. Don't you want to know if a mechanic will treat you right if you trust them to work on your automobile? Do you ask to see if a good barber or hair stylist is good before you just sit down in their chair? As

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EDITORIAL

Smith's Candidacy for illegal Third Term Threatens \$240 Million in CNO Federal Funding

Unconstitutional Candidate Embarrasses Nation with Naked Power Grab and Precipitates New Crisis in CNO Tribal Government by Robin Mayes

Chad Smith's desperate, illegal attempt to run for a third term as Principal Chief cannot be seen as anything other than a *naked power grab*. Having so publicly disrobed himself in violation of the Section 1 of Article VII of the 1999 Cherokee Constitution, which expressly makes the two-term office holder *ineligible* for a third consecutive term. Smith has made it clear for all to see that even if he could win another election, he would be nothing but an emperor with no clothes: an unconstitutional figurehead who would be for all purposes *legally impotent*. Is that a spectacle the Cherokee people really want the world to witness? Aside from making a laughing stock of himself and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) by trying to evade the two term limit of the new constitution, Smith would invite the almost certain and immediate termination of all CNO federal funding and thereby precipitate yet another tribal governmental catastrophe.

Even if Chad Smith can convince a majority of Cherokee voters to cast a ballot for him, and did so without resorting to vote-fixing ploys, he still could not lawfully assume the office of Principal Chief for a third term. He is constitutionally ineligible to hold that position and, if elected, his entire administration would be without lawful power to act or, in legalese; his administration would be technically *ultra vires*, which means simply, lacking legal authority under controlling federal and tribal law. As an illegitimate putative executive office holder, all his acts while pretending to hold office would be as illegitimate as his claim to the position he would be illegally occupying. Like the authority on which they would be based, all acts Smith might perform in an unconstitutional third term would themselves be *ultra vires* and invalid. The moment Smith were to attempt to assume the office of Principal Chief for a prohibited third

consecutive term, the CNO would be without a legally cognizable chief executive officer and would thereby lose any lawful capacity to administer federal funds allocated to the tribe. The CNO would be legally headless and powerless to perform any executive function of tribal government whatsoever.

An unconstitutional third Smith term, therefore, threatens CNO with a reign of legal chaos, confusion and a protracted cycle of tribal and federal court litigation that promises to permanently undermine what little is left of CNO governmental legitimacy after Smith's legacy of illegality and abuse of power. The tribal governmental paralysis that would almost surely ensue, taken together with the obvious illegality of any third-term Smith regime, would immediately place in jeopardy continued federal funding for CNO operations.

Under such circumstances, the federal government would have no choice but to cut federal funds totaling around \$240 million or roughly 80 percent of the CNO's \$300 million tribal budget until such time as CNO could restore constitutional government and the rule of law.

This is not as fanciful a scenario as Smith and his cronies want tribal members to believe. At this very moment, members of the Black Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives are already drafting legislation that would freeze all federal funds to the CNO until it stops illegally discriminating against the black tribal members known as the Freedmen in blatant violation of the guarantee of equal protection of the laws in Section 1 of the Bill of Rights in Article III of the 1999 Cherokee Constitution as well as the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 (ICRA). ICRA expressly prohibits all tribal governments from denying to "any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection

Audit Shows CNI Writes Off \$4.8 Million Loss

Councilors' Proof A Scam Was Real

Cherokee Nation Industries, (CNI) year end financial audits were finally brought before Council in April to reveal the true conditions of the corporation and its subsidiaries after \$4.8 million was finally written off as losses from a series of bad investments.

In June 2006, seven Councilors stopped the profuse bleeding of money out of the tribe into what they called "a bottomless pit of deception" by filing a Securities Fraud lawsuit in Federal Court naming Chief Chad Smith, CEO of CNI, Jim Majewski and the Executive Director of Business Development Benny Dixon.

Evidence was never heard before Judge Seay of the Muskogee Federal Court who dismissed the case ruling Councilors lacked standing to file it. According to the Judge only the stockholders or the Board who voted to purchase the stock would have standing. CNI is a wholly owned corporation of Cherokee Nation with the Chief being the only stockholder. All Board members of CNI are appointed by the Chief.

Councilors filing the case were: Joe Crittenden, of Adair County, David Thornton of Sequoyah County, Bill John Baker, of Cherokee County, Linda O'Leary and Melvina Shotpouch of Delaware County, Chuck Hoskin of Craig County and Johnny Keener of Mayes County. Councilors used their own money to file the lawsuit choosing not to appeal the dismissal because of growing costs.

Councilors were successful in exposing investments that could be seen as nothing less than a scam spending millions on investments that were worthless but being shown on financials as inflated assets, which engaged the Federal Securities Exchange Commission, (SEC).

CNI and the tribe paid for Smith, Majewski and Dixon's attorneys until Majewski was dismissed for cause by the Board. Dixon resigned shortly after the investigation became public.

Councilor Linda O'Leary, Chairman of the Councils' Executive and

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Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma



General Election
set for June 23, 2007



Candidates for Principal Chief



Chad Smith
incumbent



Stacy Leeds

Candidates for Deputy Principal Chief



Joe Grayson
incumbent



Raymond Vann

See Tribal District Representatives Candidates on page

of its laws or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law." The disgraceful, racist treatment of the Freedmen championed by Chad Smith placed the tribe in indefensible violation not only of the equal protection and due process guarantees of the 1999 Constitution and ICRA, but also solemn tribal treaty obligations with the federal government. If Chad Smith, the leading architect of CNO's inexcusable official discrimination against the Freedmen, attempts to seize power with an illegal third term, the congressional critics of the CNO will have all the justification they need to immediately cut CNO federal funds and effectively shut down the CNO tribal government.

Without any doubt, the March 3, 2007 referendum to limit tribal membership "by blood" and effectively revoke the citizenship of existing black tribal members contravenes Cherokee treaty obligations to accept Freedmen as full-fledged tribal members and illegally disenfranchises large numbers of tribal members on the basis of an impermissible

racial classification in violation of Cherokee constitutional law and the Indian Civil Rights Act. The tribal referendum, even if it had been initiated in full compliance with the tribal constitution, could not preempt federal statutory law or the preexisting Cherokee treaty obligations. Thus, the results of the referendum are clearly without legal effect and the federal government must act pursuant to its affirmative treaty obligations, federal statutory law and trust principles to stop the continuing discrimination against the Freedmen.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) now claims to be investigating the legality of the March 3, 2007 referendum at the behest of U.S. Representative Diane Watson and about two-dozen members of the congressional Black Caucus. Although the BIA is quick to intervene, often illegally, when its own power over tribal governments is threatened by an election outcome, it can be expected to delay making any decision about the fate of the Freedmen for as long as possible for the obvious reason that protecting the federally protected civil rights of tribal members has always ranked among the very lowest priorities of the BIA, which is itself a major and continuing Indian civil rights

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offender. In fact, the BIA has officially stated in the past that, as a matter of policy, it will refuse to intervene in tribal affairs to enforce the Indian Civil Rights Act, preferring to allow the federal rights of individual tribal members to be unconscionably violated rather than faithfully exercise its statutory and trust responsibilities to promote respect for the rule of law and democratic self-government. Thus, Cherokees can expect the BIA to do what it has always proven it does best: nothing. Furthermore, the BIA can be expected to do nothing for as long as doing nothing remains in its institutional self-interest.

In the continuing absence of meaningful BIA administrative review of the grotesque abuses of Chad Smith’s regime, congressional hostility toward CNO’s illegal policies will only increase. If Smith is able to make a grab for a third unconstitutional term in office, the disintegration of the rule of law within the CNO will be complete and Congress, under mounting pressure from the justifiably outraged Black Caucus, will almost certainly suspend federal funding for the CNO until the internal constitutional crisis caused by a Smith candidacy subsides.

Chad Smith has been quoted as declaring that the “greatest exercise” of tribal “sovereignty is to pass our own constitution, without interference from outsiders,” but he has apparently forgotten where the sovereignty of the Cherokee Nation truly resides. Since time immemorial, the right of self-government, which the European invaders called “sovereignty,” has resided not in all-powerful tribal dictators, but with the people themselves. If any tribal constitution has any claim to legitimacy, it is only because it

is the authoritative expression of the will of the people for whose benefit it was created. But Chad Smith apparently has a different view of tribal sovereignty.

Apparently, Chad Smith thinks sovereignty resides not in the people, but in himself and, since he sees himself as the sovereign, he feels that he is above the law, above the Cherokee constitution, above even the will of the people. In other words, by seeking an unconstitutional third term in office, Chad Smith has become a law unto himself, unconstrained by any constitutional rule in his ruthless pursuit of power.

Chad Smith *really* thinks that *he is the tribal sovereign*, but our ancestors were never ruled by emperors and our constitution forbids imperial rule today. Although Chad Smith may think of himself as an emperor dressed in the trappings of unlimited power to do whatever he pleases, this self-appointed tribal emperor has really only just wrapped himself up in the transparent trappings of sham and duplicity which, in the end, have laid bare his abuses for all to see. Emperor Smith, like the self-deluded king in the fairy tale who thought he was wearing the finest clothes money could buy when he was really wearing nothing at all, has at last been embarrassingly exposed by his own pretensions. Emperor Smith has no clothes. Will someone please have the decency to inform His Majesty that the people are finally sick and tired of watching this pathetic display of political impotence? This is one time when even His political adversaries would welcome a “cover-up.”

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Councilor David Thornton asked Hammons if there are any Cherokee attorneys the tribe could get to represent the tribe in Washington DC Court?

Thornton said “I don’t trust these Washington DC attorneys to not run up a bill especially once they know there is a bundle of money that’s been funded. We need to at least try to find some Cherokee attorneys if we are going to do this.”

Although US District Court Judge Henry H. Kennedy Jr. for the Dist. of Columbia allowed Hammons to make statements as Attorney General for the tribe in a recent hearing over a Motion for Injunction to stop the special election, Hammons said she was not licensed to practice in Washington DC Courts. She also said there are no attorneys on staff in the Cherokee Nation who are capable either. Hammons said the case would require a high powered attorney firm well versed in practicing at that arena.

Within the hearing Hammons told Judge Kennedy that she intended to vote no on the question, and support the freedmen as citizens. She then began to cry and begged Judge Kennedy to not grant the injunction stopping the election because elections are part of the democratic process within the tribe.

Freedmen filed the case after the 2003 election where they were prevented from voting on candidates and constitutional amendments removing BIA oversight of constitutional amendments and the 1999 amendment of the 1976 Constitution. The case is asking that the 2003 election be ruled invalid and a new election held where freedmen can vote. Cherokee election law provides that should the 2003 election have to be held again only candidates who were on the ballot in the first election would be eligible to run in replacement election.

In 2004 a case was filed in the Judicial Appeals Tribunal,

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Chief Smith keeps telling us we need to vote for his 2007 slate for tribal councilors, so he can get things done. They will work together as a team.

Sounds good, but is it constitutional? It says that no branch of government is to control another. No one person is to control all branches of government. If one person has control of all three branches of government it's a dictatorship. Which is what we have been working under for 3 1/2 years already.

We have seen this slate in action over these last 3 1/2 years. Tribal councilors voting to approve an act in committee. Then have Chief Smith Veto's it, then his slate not doing anything to overturn the veto. Which amounts to doing what the Chief wants even when it is a great act of law. Their actions are puppets, bought & paid for.

(JAT) by Lucy Allen where the tribe’s highest court ruled that Cherokee freedmen are Cherokee citizens and entitled to all rights as citizens including being able to vote in tribal elections.

Within thirty days afterward Jackie Bob Martin introduced a constitutional amendment to the Council that a question revoking citizenship of freedmen be voted on by the Cherokee people. Smith began stirring the communities with racial political pressure to force Council to approve the amendment. A majority approved the question be place on the ballot in the General Election.

Martin then proposed that the question be placed on special election. However that proposal failed to garner the two thirds support of the Council required by the Constitution to call a special election.

John Ketcher, an eighty plus year old former Deputy Chief and Jody Fishinghawk, who is vying for Martin’s seat on the Council, began a petition drive asking that the freedmen question be place on the ballot in a special election. Once the petition was returned to the Election Commission for verification of signatures it was passed up to the JAT who announced sufficient signatures had been verified. Protest was filed and heard by that court as per petition law.

The first business of the Court was for Chief Justice Matlock to announce that all subpoenas were invalid because they did not contain gas money for travel and that witnesses did not have to remain to testify. Two thirds of the Courtroom stood up and walked out leaving only a handful of witnesses.

With only a hand full of witnesses left, fraud was proven in the Courtroom that day when Reverend John Summerfield testified that Harley Buzzard, from Delaware County, had approached him to sign a petition which he did. But upon closer examination the witness testified that the affidavit on the back of the petition swearing that Harley Buzzard had

witnessed each person signing the petitions was not signed by Harley Buzzard but instead by his son Darren. Harley Buzzard is presently running on the Chief’s political slate for a seat on Council in District 5.

Several other witnesses testified all showing that serious crimes were committed during the petition drive. Chief Justice Matlock interrupted one witness’s testimony after the witness admitted signing his wife’s signature because she could find her glasses and then signing his own however he was not a tribal member. Matlock warned the witness that maybe he ought to take the Fifth Amendment. Justice Dowty whispered something into Matlock’s ear and the Court recessed so that Judges could discuss the matter. When they returned the witness was granted immunity from self incrimination and allowed to continue testifying.

The testimony of the few witnesses who remained was enough to convince two of the five Judges in a split decision of (3-2). Justice Dowty and Leeds both stated there was too much evidence of criminal activity during the petition drive to hold the petition valid and ordered a criminal investigation begin by the Cherokee Nation Marshals.

Two of the three Justices in the majority were appointed by Smith a few months ago under the 1999 Constitution that increased Justices on the Supreme Court to five.

Ironically the Cherokee freedmen case in Washington DC is asking the Federal Court to declare the 2003 election invalid where the 1999 Constitution was approved.

If the freedmen win the Washington lawsuit and the 2003 election is declared invalid, the two new Justice seats would become invalid and anything decided involving the two Judges would be in question.

It is precarious the two Judges in such an obvious conflict did not recuse themselves. Instead they remained seated; both agreeing with Chief Justice Matlock and placing the validity of freedmen citizenship

in jeopardy, yet neither wrote a word in the majority opinion.

Council tabled the request for the additional \$500,000 of funding for attorney fees until the amount expended to date could be accounted for. This month another request is expected but the Administration will have a hard time convincing Councilors that the money is required to protect tribal sovereignty after the best sovereignty firm in the Country bowed out saying the case is all about Civil Rights.

The new attorney firm hired, Orrick, boasts a 100% success record litigating cases in San Francisco for the Civil Rights of Gays, Lesbians, Bi-Sexuals and Transvestites.

To see if Council will pay attorneys with Cherokee peoples’ money to fight Cherokee people who are fighting for their Cherokee citizenship watch the Executive and Finance Committee meeting this month online via streaming video. www.cherokee.org

Upon the petition being validated by the Court the Attorney General revised the question submitted for the ballot by Ketcher. Hammons added the last sentence on the ballot to clarify the question for voters explaining, “Neither a “yes” nor a “no” vote will affect the citizenship rights of those individuals who are original enrollees or descendants of Cherokees by blood, Delawares by blood, or Shawnees by blood as listed on the Final Rolls of the Dawes Commission Rolls closed in 1906.”

If Congress freezes federal program funds to the Cherokee Nation or if the tribe loses federal recognition could it be considered a negative affect to the citizenship rights of by blood tribal members and could the Attorney General be held liable in a class action lawsuit by all citizens by blood for misrepresentation of the facts in an election or election fraud? Stay tuned. More will be revealed in this exciting saga to determine if the Cherokee people will fight for a democracy or if corruption will take over and they will bow down to their King!

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Votes cast in Cherokee chief elections

Year	Votes (Thousands)
1971	10,086
1975	8,120
1979	12,584
1983	11,288
1987	11,948
1991	11,896
1995	11,880
1999	12,747

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LA#18-07 An ActRelatingtothe AmendmentofLA 16-96,theCherokeeNationGeneralCorporation Act,as AmendedbyLA 2-03,LA 4-04,andLA 36-05																				
HealthComm	3/12/2007		JoeCrittenden DavidThornton	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	-	-	-	Y
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CouncilMeeting	4/16/2007			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N-	Y	N	

R#99-03 AResolution AuthorizingtheNegotiationofa
LandManagementLease Agreementfor theCherokee
TrailsGolf

CouncilMeeting	10/13/2003			Y	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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R#31-06 AResolutiontoInvoketheMostFavor edNation
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RulesMeeting	3/30/2006		DavidThornton	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
CouncilMeeting	4/10/2006			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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R#97-06 AResolutionPr oposingan Amendmentto
Article VIISection13oftheCherokeeNation
Constitution,Pr ovidingfor theElectionoftheOfficeof
AttorneyGeneral

RulesMeeting	8/31/2006		LindaO'Leary	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y	Y	-	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
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Cherokee election is next month

By S.E. RUCKMAN Tulsa World Staff Writer
5/10/2007

Voters will choose a chief, deputy chief and 17 tribal councilors, including two to be elected at-large.

TAHLEQUAH — Cherokee Nation voters will select their chief, deputy chief and councilors in a June 23 tribal election.

Principal Chief Chad Smith of Tahlequah will seek a third term. He is challenged by former Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Justice Stacy Leeds of Tahlequah, tribal election commission officials said.

Deputy Chief Joe Grayson faces Raymond Vann.

Voters will fill all 17 seats on the Tribal Council, including two at-large spots.

The tribe added those two at-large members to the council in 2006, about three years after Cherokee voters approved a new constitution.

The tribe's jurisdictional area is divided into nine districts. Several of those districts have more than one council seat. The seats are for either six-year or four-year terms.

District 1: Incumbent Bill John Baker is facing Barbara Dawes Martens for a seat with a six-year term. The district's second seat, with a four-year term, pits incumbent Audra Smoke-Conner against Tina Glory Jordan, Amon Baker and David Walkingstick.

District 2: Incumbent Joe Crittenden and Rita Bunch are seeking a six-year term. The second seat, with a four-year term, is sought by incumbent Jackie Bob Martin, Bob Leach, Ronnie Joe Hale, Jack Christie and Jodie Fishinghawk.

District 3: Incumbent David Thornton, seeking a seat with a six-year term, is challenged by Sam Ed Bush Jr. Incumbent Phullis Yargee faces Janelle Lattimore Fullbright for a seat with a four-year term.

District 4: Incumbent Don Garvin faces Mickey Igert.

District 5: Incumbent Melvina Shotpouch is challenged by Harley Buzzard and Susan Lamb Reed for a seat with a four-year term. Incumbent Linda Hughes O'Leary will go against Curtis Snell for a seat with a six-year term.

District 6: Jerry Dale Troglin, Sue Fine and Chris Soap are competing for a seat with a four-year term. The incumbent in the seat

with a six-year term, Meredith Frailey, has no challengers.

District 7: Incumbent Cara Cowan-Watts will face Thelda Rucker Boen.

District 8: Incumbent Buel Anglen and Roy Herman are seeking a seat with a six-year term. The candidates for the second seat, which has a four-year term, are Bradley Cobb and Steven Earley.

District 9: This seat, which has a six-year term, has drawn challengers Rodney Lay and Chuck Hoskin Jr.

At-large seats: The candidates for the seat with a four-year term are Taylor Keen and Julia Coates. The other seat, which has a six-year term, is sought by Jack Baker and Sean Nordwall.

Registered tribal voters can vote in person or absentee. Absentee voting also is permitted in person at the tribe's election office before the election, said Patsy Morton, the Cherokee Nation Election Commission's chairwoman.

The office is at 22116 S. Bald Hill Road in Tahlequah. For additional information and to be sure voters names are on the books they may call the Election Commission offices at 918-458-5899.

Morton said tribal members who want to vote absentee must request absentee ballots. The deadline to apply for ballots for the June 23 election is Friday May 11.

Voters can cast ballots at designated polling places from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 23. A form of identification is required.

Voters must be registered with the tribe and be at least 18. Votes for at-large council seats who miss the absentee request period will be allowed to vote in person at the Election Commission from 9:00AM to 5:00PM on June 19, 20 and 21.

The 2003 general election had 13,914 ballots cast. A runoff election for chief tallied 6,979 votes.

A candidates' forum is slated for 6 p.m. May 17 at Stilwell City Park. The event is hosted by the Adair County Democratic Party.



MY THOUGHTS: Can any candidate running for office use the Cherokees people’s money to run for office? by Franklin “\$ᵶᵶ” McLain Sr.

The answer to this question is NO! It appears that several may be doing just that. If they are should we vote for them? The answer is NO, we should not vote for them! If they can’t obey our Cherokee Laws now. Then why would we want them as district representative at all, we would NOT!

But there one that really stands out that is Julia Coates, she is running for At-Large Tribal Councilor.

She has worked for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma history course for several years. Her travel, hotels, meals and other expenses are paid out of Federal and/or Tribal funds. Now is she still using these Federal & Tribal funds for her campaigning for At-Large councilor office? If she is, then that is illegal! The reason this is important, the Cherokee people needs someone representing them that is there to represent them and our Cherokee laws. Not someone that breaks our Cherokee laws before they are elected.

Our Cherokee election laws require any Cherokee running for election office that works for any program, business or commission of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is to resign before running. Ms. Coates did not resign, but provided the election commission a contract that suggested she was not an employee of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Since Coates supports Chief Smith *as his slate councilor*, Chief Smith is paying for much of the slate's campaign. **Coates is a bought & paid for slate candidate** representative of Chief Smith and not for the At-Large Cherokee citizens.

So how can the Cherokee people get justice, when the system is not working correctly and the Cherokee people has no place to go to get justice. Well, we can get justice by **not voting for Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Grayson or any of Chief Smith's SLATE district representatives.**

The 3 branches are to be separate, controlled by no other branch or person because it is unconstitutional & Illegal under Cherokee Laws. The past 4 years has shown us a slate of bought & paid for councilors don't work.

We all know this, you have seen it, I have seen it or mother's, Father's, grandparent's have not only seen it they have felt it too.

Our employees that are Cherokee, we know your working conditions are not good. We (the Cherokee people) know you work very hard under great pressures. But, you need to stand up and say **"I'M MAD AS HELL & I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS ANYMORE!"**

MAKE A CHANGE, VOTE FOR THE GOOD GUYS & GET THE ONES ON SMITH'S SLATE DOWN THE ROAD. We need to rebuild our Nation, we need individuals that will stand up & follow our constitutional laws, not violate them or just pick the ones you want to follow. Power to the people, VOTE THEM OUT OF OFFICE - MAKE A CHANGE.

"VOTE ON JUNE 23, 2007 - MAKE A CHANGE"

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Slate Members Math On Disclosure
Reports Don’t Add Up

Neither has Barbara Dawes Martin running for a Cherokee District 1. Martin does show a \$402.50 amount paid to Turnbull & Associates but the 4 advertisements to date would total three times that amount.

Violations of contributions and expenditures under the election law are one of the more serious crimes within the Cherokee Nation. Candidates could be levied to pay every opposing candidate double the amount of the violation plus be cast out of the election. Penalties even reach contributors who seldom know laws surrounding contributions and expenditures that could double a contributor’s donation.

§ 45. Sanctions for Violations of Contribution and Expenditure Requirements and

Prohibitions.

A. Criminal Sanctions. Any candidate or other person who is a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation or a member of any other federally recognized Indian tribe who has violated any requirement or prohibition in Sections 43 and 44 of the Title shall be guilty of a crime.

B. Civil Damages. Any candidate, other person, corporation or other legal entity who or which has knowingly made or accepted a campaign contribution or made a campaign expenditure on behalf of a candidate in violation of Sections 43 and 44 of this Title shall be liable to the Election Commission and to any party whose name appeared on the ballot in opposition to said candidate in the amount of double the value of the unlawful contribution or expenditure. Said damages shall be payable to each plaintiff filing suit in the Cherokee Nation District Court within six months of the final election date, upon a finding of a violation or violations by said Court, plus reasonable attorneys fees incurred in the suit. Reasonable attorneys fees incurred in a suit brought under this Sub-section may be awarded to the defendant if judgment is rendered in defendant’s favor.

An Election Commission meeting is scheduled on May 17, at 6:00 where these incidents will be discussed and laws examined. More will be revealed as the light of truth shines ever so brightly into the dark crevices hiding deception and evil inside the Cherokee government.

Do your part in this election to save your grandchildren from having to endure a corrupt Cherokee Nation. Together we can expose and overcome it in the upcoming election. Help your friends and family to be informed. Get them out to the Hog Frys so they can learn first hand about what is going on inside their government. Then make sure they get to the polls! *The sure way for evil to win is if good people sit by and do nothing!*

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The Slate candi-
dates have al-
ready chosen to
stand with the
Chief for the next
4 years & not for
their districts.

They are bought
& paid for, check
their financial re-
ports. It really
tells the story.

Vote for
Disqualified
Smith's Slate

Do Not Vote For!

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Bill John Baker (1)
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Tahlequah, OK 74464

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12272 W 740 Road
Hulbert, OK 74441~~

Audra Smoke Conner (2)
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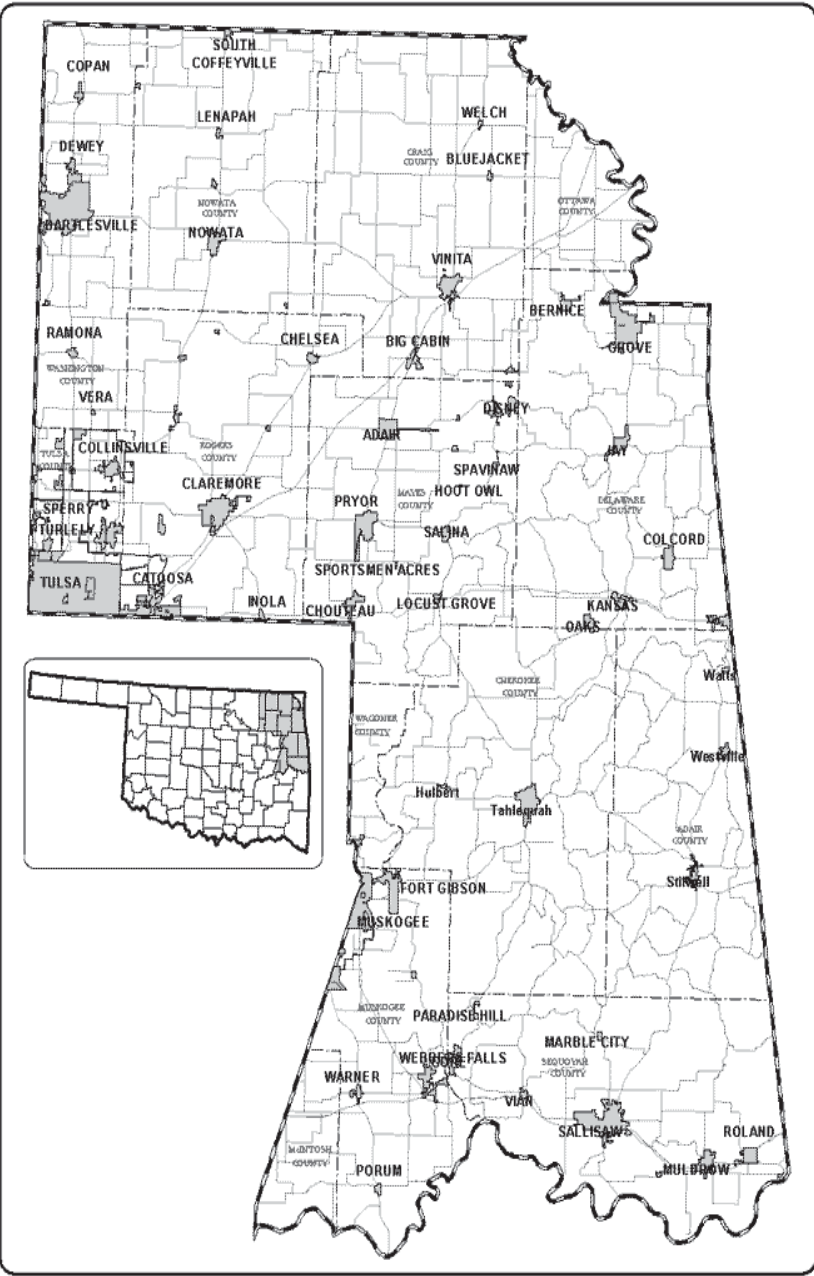
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Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

General Election
set for June 23, 2007



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PO Box 1202
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AT LARGE

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Profile of a Sociopath

A deep seated rage, which is split off and repressed, is at their core. Does not see others around them as people, but only as targets and opportunities. Instead of friends, they have victims and accomplices who end up as victims. The end always justifies the means and they let nothing stand in their way.

- Shallow Emotions

When they show what seems to be warmth, joy, love and compassion it is more feigned than experienced and serves an ulterior motive. Outraged by insignificant matters, yet remaining unmoved and cold by what would upset a normal person. Since they are not genuine, neither are their promises.

- Incapacity for Love
- Need for Stimulation

Living on the edge. Verbal outbursts and physical punishments are normal.

Promiscuity and gambling are common.

- Callousness/Lack of Empathy

Unable to empathize with the pain of their victims, having only contempt for others' feelings of distress and readily taking advantage of them.

- Poor Behavioral Controls/Impulsive Nature

Rage and abuse, alternating with small expressions of love and approval produce an addictive cycle for abuser and abused, as well as creating hopelessness in the victim. Believe they are all-powerful, all-knowing, entitled to every wish, no sense of personal boundaries, no concern for their impact on others.

- Early Behavior Problems/Juvenile Delinquency

Usually has a history of behavioral and academic difficulties, yet "gets by" by conning others. Problems in making and keeping friends; aberrant behaviors such as cruelty to people or animals, stealing, etc.

- Irresponsibility/Unreliability

Not concerned about wrecking others' lives and dreams. Oblivious or indifferent to the devastation they cause. Does not accept blame themselves, but blames others, even for acts they obviously committed.

- Promiscuous Sexual Behavior/Infidelity

Promiscuity, child sexual abuse, rape and sexual acting out of all sorts.

- Lack of Realistic Life Plan/Parasitic Lifestyle

Tends to move around a lot or makes all encompassing promises for the future, poor work ethic but exploits others effectively.

- Criminal or Entrepreneurial Versatility

Changes their image as needed to avoid prosecution. Changes life story readily.
Other Related Qualities:

- Contemptuous of those who seek to understand them
- Does not perceive that anything is wrong with them
- Authoritarian
- Secretive
- Paranoid
- Only rarely in difficulty with the law, but seeks out situations where their tyrannical behavior will be

tolerated, condoned, or admired

- Conventional appearance
- Goal of enslavement of their victim(s)
- Exercises despotic control over every aspect of the victim's life
- Has an emotional need to justify their crimes and therefore needs their victim's affirmation (respect, gratitude and love)
- Ultimate goal is the creation of a willing victim
- Incapable of real human attachment to another
- Unable to feel remorse or guilt
- Extreme narcissism and grandiose
- May state readily that their goal is to rule the world

(The above traits are based on the psychopathy checklists of H. Cleckley and R. Hare.)

NOTE: In the 1830's this disorder was called "moral insanity." By 1900 it was changed to "psychopathic personality." More recently it has been termed "antisocial personality disorder" in the DSM-III and DSM-IV. Some critics have complained that, in the attempt to rely only on 'objective' criteria, the DSM has broadened the concept to include too many individuals. The APD category includes people who commit illegal, immoral or self-serving acts for a variety of reasons and are not necessarily psychopaths.



Class of 1967 donated their class picture to Sequoyah High School at the Sequoyah Alumni Banquet last saturday May 5, 2007.



The class of 1967 has never had the class picture hanging on the school walls. This was the class of 1967 40th class reunion. So the class felt it was time to donate it to the school on this special occasion.
James Jennings the class President presented the framed class picture to Amon Baker, the President of Sequoyah school board. Who was very excited to accept the class of 1967 picture to hang on the school walls.
Class members that attended the class reunion were; Darlene Pierce, Elliousse

Whitmore, Betty Jack, Loretta Thompson, Joyce Hardridge, Mary Locust, Donna Smith, Julia Waldon, Brenda Nelson, Gloria Cleveland, Patricia Lowe, Penny Harjo, Phyllis Sloan, Leroy Adair, James Jennings, Charles Scuggins, Silas Spence, Danny Lindsey, David Proctor, Danny McKenney, Franklin McLain, Ms. Peggy Hall, Mr. Bear, Mr. Lowrey, Mrs. Danials.
Keep in touch with your classmates, contact Betty Jack-Pulver at 918-227-1508 or Leroy Adair at 918-348-4858

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